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| **FACTOR** | **INDEX** |
| 1. Is of the majority party in the chamber.  *If "yes," rates a 3. If member is of the minority party, rates a -3*. *If Independent, score a 0.* | -3 0 3 |
| 2. Holds formal elected party leadership post in the House or Senate.  *Speaker of the House and Majority Leader of the Senate = 5 Minority Leader, Assistant Majority Leader = 4 Majority Whip, Assistant Minority Leader, Minorty Whip = 3 Assistant Whips, Republican or Democratic Conference Chair = 2 Rep./Dem. Conference Secretary, Rep/Dem Policy Chair = 1* | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. Chairs (or is ranking member of) a "money" committee. *Committee chair rates a 5, ranking member a 3. House "money" committees: Appropriations, Budget, and Ways and Means Senate "money" committees: Appropriations and Finance* | 0 3 5 |
| 4. Chairs (or is ranking member of) another committee. *Chair rates a 4, ranking member a 2.* | 0 2 4 |
| 5. Chairs (or is ranking member) a subcommittee. *Chair rates a 3, ranking member a 1.* | 0 1 3 |
| 6. Is a member of one of the following committees (rates a 3 for each) *House: Appropriations, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Rules, or Ways and Means Senate: Appropriations, Armed Services, Budget, Finance, Judiciary* | 0 3 |
| 7. Seniority.  *0-2 terms rates a 0, then in two-term increments up the scale, that is 4 terms rates a 1, six terms rates a 2, etc.* | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 8. Margin of victory in last election.  *Greater than 60 percent is highest rank at 3 59-60 rates a 2 56-58 rates a 1 53-55 rates a 0 50-52 rates a -1 less than 50 percent rates a -2* | -2 -1 0 1 2 3 |
| 9. Amount of campaign funds on hand. *Amounts depend on individual situation, such as competitiveness of the district. Lacking such information,  less than $100,000 = -5 $100,000 - $199,999 = -4 $200,000 - $299,999 rates -3 $300,00 - $399,999 rates -2 $400,000 - $499,999 rates -1 $500,000 - $599,999 rates 0 $600,000 - $699,999 rates 1 $700,000 - $799,999 rates 2 $800,000 - $899,999 rates 3 $900,000 - $999,999 rates 4 $1,000,000 and over rates 5* | -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 10. Exposure in national press. *Washington Post Onlines Search for one week (1 point for every 4 hits with 5 points the maximum) or New York Times Online Search for one month (1 point for every 4 hits with 5 points the maximum) or CNN.com search (cnn.com only) (1 point for every 30 hits with 5 points the maximum).* | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 11. Party Support (Voting Record) OPTIONAL: It may not be possible to locate this information online. Congressional Quarterly, a subscription service, publishes such information periodically. *If this member voted with her/his political party 95% of the time or more = 5 90-94 = 4 85-89 = 3 80-84 = 2 75-79 = 1 70-74 = 0  65-69 = -1  60-64 = -2  55-59 = -3 50-54 = -4  49% and below = -5* | -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 12. Support of the President OPTIONAL: It may not be possible to locate this information online. Congressional Quarterly, a subscription service, publishes such information periodically. *If this member is of the SAME party as the President and voted with the President's position 95% of the time or more = 5* *90-94 = 4  85-89 = 3  80-84 = 2  75-79 = 1 70-74 = 0  65-69 = -1 60-64 = -2 55-59 = -3 50-54 = -4  49% and below = -5 IF this member is of the OPPOSITE party, reverse the scoring* | -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 |

**Extra Credit**